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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating proliferative skin diseases comprising the administration of an effective amount of <u>a gel comprising</u> about 0.<u>0</u>1% to about 2% <u>w/v tazarotene gel and:</u>
- (a) water;
- (b) edetate disodium;
- (c) ascorbic acid;
- (d) Carbomer 934P;
- (e) Poloxamer 407;
- (f) polyethylene glycol;
- (g) Polysorbate 40;
- (h) hexylene glycol;
- (i) butylated hydroxytoluene;
- (i) butylated hydroxyanisole;
- (k) benzyl alcohol; and
- (I) tromethamine

and an effective amount of a corticosteroid, wherein said corticosteroid is alclometasone dipropionate and/or betamethasone valerate.

Claims 2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating psoriasis in a human subject by topically applying to the psoriatic skin of said subject an effective amount of <u>gel</u> <u>comprising</u> about 0.01% to about 2% <u>w/v</u> tazarotene <u>and:</u>

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Claims 7-10. (Cancelled)

- 11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein tazarotene is administered once daily in the evening and the corticosteroid is administered once daily in the morning.
- 12. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 6 wherein the tazarotene is applied as a 1.0 % gel.
- 13. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 6 wherein the tazarotene is applied as a 1.0 % cream.
- 14. (Canceled)